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Council to Hold Visioning Forum

In celebration of Greenbelt's 70th anniversary, the Greenbelt City Council will host community visioning sessions to help council and staff set goals and plan work for the coming years. Mayor Judith Davis invites and encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to share their views on how to make Greenbelt "the best community it can be" by participating in this community-wide process, the first of its kind in Greenbelt.

The planned format for the visioning sessions includes seven small-group discussions based on six city service areas: public safety, public works, planning and community development, social services, recreation and parks and general government. There will also be a generic category, currently called "other." Each group will have a facilitator and a note-taker for discussion periods of 30 to 45 minutes. There will be breaks between sessions to allow people to move to different groups and be involved in up to four discussions.

All three visioning sessions will be held on Saturdays in early 2008 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first visioning session will be held on January 12 at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive. The second session will be held on January 26 in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The third session will occur on February 2 at a location still to be determined in Greenbelt East. Residents are invited to attend as many of the sessions as desired.

For more information, contact the city office at 301-474-8000 or email info@greenbeltnmd.gov.

What Goes On

Monday, January 7

8 p.m., City Council Work-session, Briefing Classification & Compensation Study, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Thursday, January 10

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Saturday, January 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Greenbelt Visioning Session, Springhill Lake Elementary School

County Historical Library Will Move to Greenbelt

by Virginia Beauchamp

They are not futurists – the folks who will be occupying two empty rooms in the Greenbelt Library sometime in the spring. On the contrary, their gaze is on the past. They are members of the Prince George's County Historical Society, the 54-year-old organization that will move its library holdings into currently unoccupied space in Greenbelt.

Named for a founding member and native Prince Georgian, the late Fred S. DeMarr, the historical society library is expected to complete its move to Greenbelt by March. Before that time society members will be painting and sprucing up the long-empty space.

Current plans are to carpet the two rooms, which are situated one behind the other. A door to the right of the lower-floor entry to the staircase in the Greenbelt Library leads to the rooms. Because the rooms are below-ground, society planners expect to begin their preparation work by installing additional lighting

to make the rooms more inviting and conducive to the reading and research activities that are the facility's primary purpose.

Library shelving is planned for the first of the two rooms. Library tables and modern reproduction equipment, such as microfiche scanners, will be available for patrons to use. The rear room will provide storage space and a staff office.

Present Location

Currently the library occupies a basement room in the early 19th-century plantation home called Marietta on Bell Station Road near the junction of Glenn Dale Blvd. and Annapolis Road in Glenn Dale. The house – now under the control of the Prince George's County Park and Planning Commission – was the residence of Gabriel Duvall, a friend of Thomas Jefferson and a U.S. Supreme Court Justice who served from 1811 to 1835.

The historic library has been

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Relax in the New Year At January Artful Afternoon

The first Artful Afternoon for 2008 will be held on Sunday, January 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center and features a relaxing start to the New Year as instructor Beth Fendlay helps participants create personalized stationery. Use collage, ribbon, string and paper punches to make notecards and matching envelopes that will be perfect for those extra-special "thank you" notes and for catching up with friends the old-fashioned way.

There will also be a chance to hear interesting "Sound Sculptures" improvised by Baltimore sound mechanic and music maven Neil Feather in the Community Center Gallery, on display through January 27. Feather has been creating radical, unusual musical instruments for 30 years and is increasingly known outside of Baltimore as an original musical thinker. His instruments embody unique acoustic and engineering principles and are visually arresting.

Artful Afternoon participants are also invited to travel to the third-floor artist studios from 1 to 5 p.m. to chat with the Community Center artists-in-residence for some 2008 inspiration.

Visit the Greenbelt Museum's ongoing exhibition "Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to World War II." In addition, tours of the Museum's historic home are available at 10-B Crescent Road for a nominal charge.

Artful Afternoons are held on the first Sunday of every month

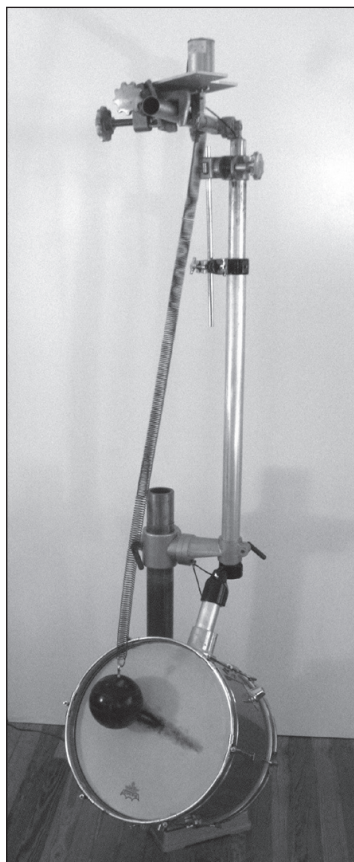


PHOTO BY NEIL FEATHER

"Dizzy" is one of the Sound Sculptures on display at the Greenbelt Community Center Gallery through January 27.

from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center with hands-on art projects, performances, open studios and more. These award-winning programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.

For more information about Artful Afternoons and other upcoming events and classes, visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

Top Stories of 2007

The following stories were prepared by Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, James Giese, Barbara Hopkins, Mary Moien and Thomas X. White.

Greenbelt Foundation

The Greenbelt Foundation, with a mission to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life throughout the city, announced in January that grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 were available to fund projects to enhance the experience of living in Greenbelt. Petrie Ross Ventures, developer of Greenbelt Station, contributed \$10,000 in April prior to a May kick-off breakfast for more than 175 people at Martin's Crosswinds. Donors have contributed or pledged over \$100,000 over the next several years. In July, awards totaling \$2,950 were awarded to the Ridge Writers Associated (\$2,500) and the New Deal Café (\$450).

Springhill Lake Renovation

AIMCO's plans to tear down the existing 2,899 apartment units at Springhill Lake and replace them with more than twice as many came to a halt on January 11. The Prince George's County Planning Board had agreed to continue consideration indefinitely of a preliminary plan until the owner and county board of education resolve school construction issues. AIMCO proposed acquiring and tearing down the existing Springhill Lake Elementary School to use the property for its apartment complex and contribute funds toward a replacement school next to Greenbelt Middle School. The school board considered the proposal but offered no assurances that the deal would be consummated and adequate school facilities would be provided to serve the new development. AIMCO has since notified the city it will no longer seek to acquire or tear down the elementary school.

At the same planning board meeting, developers of Greenbelt Station intervened to seek financial support from AIMCO in the construction of a full interchange of the Greenbelt Metro Station access road with the Capital Beltway, an improvement also benefiting Springhill Lake.

Skate Park

Following a letter to the News Review on January 11 from a writer concerned that "a lot of money for very little benefit" was being invested in a skate park, the park opened to a "thumbs-up" review from Bill Cornett on January 18. Later in the month the Greenbelt Fire Department conducted simulated emergency rescues at the park.

Then an April 12 letter noted that "the lower section is so heavily used that people have to take turns," and stated that the skate park "seems to have been a prudent and beneficial use of the land." The formal dedication took place on June 2. Currently 679 members are registered, one-fourth of whom are Greenbelters.

Police Win Accreditation

The Greenbelt Police Department's efforts to attain national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) were successfully completed at hearings conducted by the Commission in November 2006. A formal presentation of Certification of Accreditation to the department took place at the March 5, 2007, meeting of the Greenbelt City Council.

Achieving CALEA accreditation was an arduous task, requiring years of preparation by all members of the Police Department. That hard work paid off during summer 2006 when the CALEA assessment team began its in-depth review of department operations. When the team, made up of law enforcement professionals from around the United States, completed their on-site review, including public hearings in Greenbelt in August 2006, they indicated they would be recommending the Greenbelt department for accreditation to the full Commission when they met in Reno, Nev., at the end of the year. A proud contingent of the Greenbelt Police Department was on hand to receive the official certificate of accreditation in March 2007. Singled out for congratulations for the significant achievement were Sergeant Carl Schinner, the lead officer for the CALEA preparations, Captains James Craddock and Daniel O'Neil and Police Chief James Craze.

Springhill Lake Fires

In March a series of fires at the Springhill Lake apartment complex caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damage, displacing residents of 66 units. It was determined the fires were caused by faulty installation of wiring when submeters had

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Letters to the Editor

Life in Izzy's Times

I am responding to your piece in the November 29, 2007, issue about "Izzy" Parker to describe the impact on those accused of being security risks, not only on the accused but on family members and friends.

At the time of the accusals we had three little daughters – Sharon, Marsha and Naomi. They had no concept of our turmoil. How they were to be supported was a worry because there was no income and every time Parker had to appear in court meant added expenses.

As reported, when possible he sold shoes at the now gone Hahn's. I, his wife, cared for a two-year-old during the day while the mother studied for her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in College Park. I tried baking coffee cakes and selling them but, although my women friends bought them, it was not enough. The Parker family sent money and paid the fees of his final, successful attorney.

When Parker won his case and returned to his job at the Hydrographic Office, he had to repay from his meager earnings the difference between his lost government salary and his earnings from selling shoes. This was not required of the supervisor who had also been charged. Because he had a profession and set up an office, he could deduct the costs involved.

Before Parker was presented with these accusations, we had invited a few friends over for a sociable Saturday evening (we did that in those days) but upon receiving the news, we felt it was only fair to call everyone we had invited so that they could make the decision as to whether or not they wanted to mingle with us. Only one couple declined. Years later I learned from the husband that he had also been accused but he worked for Social Security and was Italian.

We knew that the postmaster was opening mail he viewed as suspicious. The Post Office, at that time, was housed in the space occupied by the Credit Union.

Eventually we learned that our Chief of Police, George Panagoulis, came to our rescue. When he learned that inspectors from the Navy were looking for negative statements from interviewees, he refused to let them come into Greenbelt.

These false accusations could have torn Greenbelt apart but the Greenbelt spirit prevented it. Close friends gave us support. One couple broke a silence about their secret and testified for Parker.

I write this letter because I believe it's important to fill out the details of those dreadful days and because today, again, we are in danger of losing our civil rights. It's also important to know that one action impacts not one but the whole family.

Janet Jacobs-Parker

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To a Wonderful Newspaper –

70 Years!

Happy Anniversary.

My dear friend Rachel Algaze sends me the paper to Berlin, Germany. I miss Greenbelt very much. My dear son made my wish come true. I hope I can visit [in] 2008 again.

Eveline Soenmez

Keep the Dream Alive

The New Deal Café has been operating in Greenbelt since New Year's of 1995. Twelve years of serving the community with live music, good food, displays of local artists and as a community gathering place – a.k.a. the Greenbelt living room. Some of you know that the New Deal is trying to run in the black by cutting back hours to Thursday lunch through Sunday evening, often using member volunteers.

Only a few of you know that now the New Deal is offering shares of stock as a way to keep the business in the Center and (slowly perhaps) improve its outlook and get better and better. The members who pay up their 2007 membership fee will receive automatically one share free – the shares are \$50 each. Now is the time to pledge to buy New Deal stock. Keep the dream alive.

Donations to help the New Deal with its mission of providing music and art and even to help pay the very hefty rent are tax deductible as donations to Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA). There are several possible opportunities in the works that can lift the financial strain – for example, the Greenbelt Museum is thinking of using the large room for big groups who visit historic Greenbelt . . . where better than to start out at the New Deal Café.

The New Deal must have more and new volunteers to get through these hard times. There are many different things to do – hope new people will check and see if they might enjoy some volunteering! Hope to see folks at the New Deal in 2008!

Barbara Stevens

News Review Available Online

While the News Review website committee plans for future changes to the newspaper's present website, the city has generously offered to place the current issue each week on their website, www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Look for the starburst that says "New" and download the paper to your computer.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

– Wednesday, January 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Prince Georges Chapter House,
6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville

– Thursday, January 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville

– Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway,
College Park

– Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt

Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Greenway Subway, 7555 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt

Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.

Civil Rights Film Festival Jan. 6-15

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Visitor Center at 1411 W Street, SE in Washington, D.C., will hold its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Film Festival from Sunday, January 6 through Tuesday, January 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme, "Back in Time with Martin Luther King, Jr.," includes a different film each day.

In addition to the film for the day on Sunday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m., Park Ranger Ka'mal McClarin will lead a discussion entitled "Frederick Douglass: Father of the Civil Rights Movement." This discussion will place Frederick Douglass' life in the context of the modern-day Civil Rights Movement.

The film on January 6 is "African American Life" from the American History for Children video series; it is 25 minutes in length and specially designed for children in kindergarten through grade four. Monday, January 7 features the 60-minute film "American Civil Rights Years, Eyes on the Prize, Episode 1: Awakenings (1954-1956)."

The events are free; a complete schedule of films can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/frd/playourvisit/martin-luther-king-jr-civil-rights-film-festival.htm>. For details call 202-426-5961.

College Saving Plans Enrollment Now Open


The College Savings Plans of Maryland (CSPM, a state agency) announced that the 2007-2008 enrollment period for participation in the Maryland Prepaid College Trust (MPCT) is now open and will continue so through April 4, 2008.

The MPCT is one of the two Section 529 plans offered by the CSPM that give families a tax-advantaged way to save for college education savings backed by the security of a Maryland Legislative Guarantee.


The Maryland College Investment Plan (MCIP) is open for enrollment year-round.

Information about both plans is available online at www.collegesavingsmd.org by calling their toll-free number 888-4MD-GRAD (463-4723).

Grin Belt



"Sorry Mom, I used your acorns to remind Dad to make his New Year's resolutions."



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA BOARD MEETING

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 10, 2008
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Committee Charters
- Forest Conservation Management Agreement (FCMA)
- Pest Control Contract – 2nd Reading
- Policy Change Requirements

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



Guru Bhagavan Das led a special Kirtan event at the Greenbelt Arts Center sponsored by Greenbelt OM.

Bhagavan Das Leads Kirtan Event at the GAC

by Brian St. George

On November 24 over 80 Kirtan and yoga devotees, as well as curious members of the Greenbelt community, gathered at the Greenbelt Arts Center to hear and participate with the Kirtan Guru Bhagavan Das in a special Kirtan event produced by Greenbelt OM.

Greenbelt OM has been hosting regular Kirtan events in its studio in Roosevelt Center for the past year. Kirtan (yoga chant) is a music and audience participatory experience, open to all and geared toward bringing a group's energy together to create a soothing, joyful experience.

In addition to those familiar with Kirtan, some of those present were simply curious. One Greenbelter, Marat Moore, indicated that Kirtan was new to her but she was happy to see this experience happening in Greenbelt. Linda Rich, a resident of Greenbriar, indicated that she found Kirtan meditative and uplifting while being part of a spiritual community.

Bhagavan Das was dressed in white linen with a red robe. He prefaced his chanting with a couple of blasts on a conch shell, then began chanting in Sanskrit almost nonstop for nearly three hours. He played an instrument called an ektara, which appeared to have only one string and created a long resonant tone like a sitar.

During the course of this Kirtan, some participants sat on the floor on special mats provided by Greenbelt OM,

others on chairs; some stood and danced, some chanted; others did not; some stood up and left and then came back; others did not; some sat in lotus position the entire time.

No formal explanation was given of the Sanskrit chants and it wasn't clear that all participants knew the meaning of all the words but they appeared to enjoy it nonetheless, as do those who enjoy opera but do not understand Italian.

Das was accompanied by a guitarist, a bongo player and a devotee who repeated all his chants.

Das ended the concert by blowing on the conch shell. Then speaking in English and saying that "the waves of this ocean, birth and death, are constantly striking the shore," he suggested that the participants try to awaken the fire of devotion within them and find true devotion through service to others.

Greenbelt OM will continue to host Kirtan events at the Greenbelt Arts Center on the third Sunday of every month beginning in January 2008. The events are free and open to all. They are not intended as a replacement for one's current religious practice but as a supplement or vitamin to give one an added boost.

Call Greenbelt OM at 301-220-0084 and ask for Brecken with any questions you may have about Kirtan or Yoga.

Brian St. George is the manager of the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Community Events

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all.

Free Int'l Dance Intro January 11

by Jeri Holloway

Now is the time to burn off a couple of the extra pounds gained during the holidays. One should get exercise in a fun way. Come to the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. for a free night of International Folk Dancing led by Roland Forbes.

Forbes has a long teaching career and has been teaching dance in Greenbelt for many years. Everyone loves his genuine enthusiasm and knowledge of hundreds of dances. Wear comfortable, cool clothes and shoes and be prepared to have fun. Partners are OK but not necessary.

Those who enjoy the party are welcome to register for the eight-week International Folk Dance class sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department that will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center. There is a fee for the class.

For further information about classes call 301-397-2208 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.

GHI Notes

Scheduled meetings for the upcoming weeks include:

Tuesday, January 8, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee

Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors

Monday, January 14, 7 p.m., Worksession on Non-walkway Hedges

Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee

7 p.m., Finance Committee

Thursday, January 17, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices Committee

Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 Board Meeting schedule will change to the second and fourth Thursdays of every month through May.

Co-op Vouchers Have Been Mailed

The Co-op grocery store, Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., has mailed out the annual patronage refund vouchers to all members of record who qualify. The vouchers represent 50 percent of the patronage refund approved by the Co-op's Board of Directors. The remaining 50 percent will be deposited in the member's capital account.

Vouchers can be used to make purchases at the Co-op or exchanged for a check. Members may also deposit the voucher portion of their refund into their member account by returning the signed voucher with written instructions to that effect. Forms for doing this are available at the store.

Any members with \$100 or more in their capital accounts are voting members of the cooperative, which enables them to vote at the Co-op's annual meeting as well as to serve on the board of directors. "We encourage members to become voting members so that they may fully participate in their cooperative," said Board Chair Dorrie Bates. "To that end, we include a current statement of the member's account with the patronage voucher."

Patronage refunds are determined annually, based on the Co-op's year-end surplus and the member's patronage during the previous year. If any members have any questions about their vouchers or do not receive the vouchers they were expecting, they should contact the membership office in the store.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 9, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

"Just Us Acoustic" At New Deal Café

"Just Us Acoustic" will perform at the New Deal Café Friday, January 4 from 8 to 11 p.m. The group includes Greenbelter Paula Clinedinst and friends Tony Thurston and Chris Purvis. They perform classic rock, country and Top 40 music. Although they have performed at Labor Day weekend and Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park, this is their first time appearing at the New Deal Café.

Send in information about your organization's activities for the Community Events page.

Greenbelt Arts Center announces

AUDITIONS

Garson Kanin's Screwball Comedy

Born Yesterday

Director: Randy Barth • Producer: Andy Negri

January 14 & 15 at 7:30 pm

Readings from the script

Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway

Lower level of the Co-op Supermarket, next to the Post Office

301-441-8770

www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Greenbelt Arts Center
Presents

The Beard of Avon

Directed by Gretchen Jacobs

Produced by Gretchen Jacobs & Glen Taylor

For centuries people have wondered how a country bumpkin became the leading poet of the age, William Shakespeare. Amy Freed reveals the real story of young Will's rise to fame in this ingenious comedy. Join Shakespeare, his wife and colleagues, along with a smattering of royal folk as they unfold the truth behind this age-old puzzle during an evening of bawdy humor and ribald frivolity. It's a don't miss evening by any standard! But please leave the children at home as the language is a bit strong!

Show times 8:00PM January 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, February 1, 2

Matinees 2:00PM January 20 & 27

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students

Greenbelt Arts Center

123Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Obituaries

Anthony Casarella

Anthony (Butch) M. Casarella, 34, died on Thursday, December 20, 2007. He lived in Glenelg.

When he was young Mr. Casarella had lived with his family in the 14 Court of Laurel Hill Road for a number of years before the family moved to Beltsville.

Mr. Casarella is survived by his son Ariel Y. Casarella; his parents Vito A. and Catherine S. Casarella; his aunt Vicki Rudy of Greenbelt; his brother Vito A. Casarella II; and his nephew Vito A. Casarella III.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hyattsville, on Thursday, December 27. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Loewen Presentation At Paint Branch UUC

On Friday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. author James Loewen will speak on his book "Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism" at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi. The presentation on the history, continuing legacy and ongoing research regarding sundown towns will be followed by a question-and-answer session. It is sponsored by the Social Action Committee and congregation as a whole as part of the church observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Loewen, a compelling speaker, is also the author of "Lies My Teacher Told Me," an award-winning bestseller about the state of high school history teaching. "Sundown Towns" is becoming a bestseller as well. The organizers say he has facts at his fingertips about every state in the union where people of color were excluded, often forcibly, from living in hundreds of towns or neighborhoods or even from working in those towns after sunset. Such towns existed from 1890 until rather recently in some states. After hearing Loewen and/or reading his book, organizers note that few will still think "it is only natural that people of a certain group want to live only with others like them."

A reception and book signing will follow. For driving directions go to www.pbuuc.org. The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. A small donation is requested.

Baha'i Faith

"Our hope is that the world's religious leaders and the rulers thereof will unitedly arise for the reformation of this age and the rehabilitation of its fortunes. Let them take counsel together and administer to a sorely-afflicted world the remedy it requireth."
— Bahá'u'lláh

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www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Free Guide Explains Health Care Plans

Marylanders overwhelmed by information when trying to choose a health care plan can now turn to a single, easy-to-read guide thanks to the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC). The report is now available for individuals and employers at no cost.

The report rates the seven Maryland HMO/POS health plan providers. In 2008 Preferred Provider Organizations also will be included in the report.

Download the complete report from the MHCC website at <http://mhcc.maryland.gov/hmo> or receive a free copy of the information by calling 410-764-3460 or toll free at 877-245-1762.

— Kathleen McFarland



Our sympathy to the Casarella and Rudy families on the death of Anthony (Butch) Casarella.

Happy 90th Birthday to Esther Webb, who celebrated with friends and family at the New Deal Café on Saturday, December 29.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

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Sunday 8:15 am	Worship Service
9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service

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ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

*For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist*

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expanding as its holdings increase and the current space has become confining. Because conditions within its basement quarters in an 1816 building have also been challenging, society officers have been seeking a cleaner and more modern space to house the collection.

Society volunteers have been inventorying the library's holdings including books, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs and maps. With the work about half completed, the inventory currently includes approximately 3,600 entries according to historical society volunteer Sarah Bourne.

Originally collected as a labor

of love by DeMarr, the contents of the library were donated to the society in a deed of gift by his survivors.



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Municipal Building

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— Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
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Md. Science Center Features Penguins

It's cold and wet outside in January but inside the Maryland Science Center, kids can waddle around and learn how penguins stay warm without needing boots and mittens. The Science Center Kids Room is an interactive learning center with over 50 innovative, age-appropriate activities that encourage children up to 8 years of age to play and discover through hands-on activities.

On Friday, January 11 at 2 p.m., kids can "Party Like a Penguin," experimenting to find out what keeps penguins warm as they waddle around. Find out how hard it is to walk around like a daddy penguin and learn how a penguin's beak is perfect for catching fish.

The Kids Room is included with paid admission to the Maryland Science Center. All children must be accompanied by a chaperone. The Maryland Science Center is located at 601 Light Street at Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

For information and tickets, visit www.marylandsciencecenter.org or call the 24-hour information line at 410-685-5225, TDD 410-962-0223.

Audubon Bird Walk At Fran Uhler Area

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a half-day walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 5. Meet at the end of Lemon Bridge Road off Md. 197, just north of Bowie State University and the MARC line. There will be woodland and field birds, a good chance for raptor flyovers and some waterfowl at this forested floodplain of the Patuxent River. The nearby WB&A trail is a good area for red-headed woodpeckers, winter wrens and the occasional barred owl. The bird walk is suitable for beginners and experts; waterproof footwear is suggested. No reservations are needed.

Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

Planetarium Program To Be "Space Colony"

The Friday, January 11 planetarium program at the Howard B. Owens Science Center is "Space Colony." The doors open at 7:15 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Parking is in the lot of Catherine T. Reed Elementary School.

Astronomers have discovered more than 260 planets orbiting stars in Earth's galaxy. What might they be like? Participants will travel via imagination 33 light years to the star Pollux in search of a planet suitable for a human colony. What characteristics must the new planet have to support life? What dangers will pioneers face there? Join in deciding – audience participation is a must! A tour of the night sky follows the presentation. There is a small fee, reduced for students and seniors.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham-Seabrook. For more information call 301-918-8750 during school hours.



Arboretum Offers Winter Exhibit

The U.S. National Arboretum presents a winter landscapes exhibit from January 5 through February 3 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Viewing stones from the permanent collection will be exhibited with the traditional "Friends of Winter" – pine, bamboo and Prunus species such as flowering cherry, apricot and plum.

This event is free. No registration is required.

For more information on this and other Arboretum programs visit www.usna.usda.gov/Education or call 202-245-4523.

Houseplant Care, Tour on January 9

It's that time of year when gardening outside is not feasible, so the focus of gardening energy may turn to houseplants.

Inspiration can be drawn from the U.S. Botanic Garden Jungle and the tropical plant specialist who cares for it on Wednesday, January 9 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Plant pest and basic care questions will be addressed. A tour of the Conservatory/Jungle will be offered to see plants for one's home.

This event is free. To pre-register call 202-225-1116.

Bird Clubs Meet On Bay Health


The Prince George's Audubon Society and the Patuxent Bird Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8 at the College Park Airport Annex to hear Mary Kilbourne, a naturalist at the Jug Bay Natural Area of Patuxent River Park in Croom, talk about the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland residents concerned about the health of the bay are aware that it has suffered from pollution, over-harvesting and loss of shoreline to development.

For more information call Fred Fallon at 301-249-1518.

How to Create A Green Home

One good step is to tune up the Heating and Cooling (HVAC) system. Have a checkup for a HVAC system every two years to make sure it is running efficiently. Be sure to clean the filter monthly during times of peak usage; a dirty filter can significantly reduce the efficiency of a HVAC. Reduce the energy bill by \$100 per year or more!

– U.S. Green Building Council



City Information

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 7-11

Monday, January 7th, 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, re: Briefing Classification & Compensation Study, at the Municipal Building, (live on Channel 71)

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov.

Christmas Tree Collection

Your discarded Christmas Tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Trees will be collected from the following areas until February 8, 2008.

GHI

- Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
- Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
- Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 44 Court (area near playground)
- Eastway and Crescent Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)
- Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
- Parkway (corner across from 58 court Crescent Road)
- Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
- Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
- Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court area (area between courts)

Boxwood

- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

Lakewood

- Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North

- Property adjacent to Attick Park

University Square

- Front of Swimming Pool

Lakeside North

- Near Swimming pool

Springhill Lake

- Community Building

Greenbriar

- 7708 and 7710 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)
- 7728 and 7730 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)
- 7826 and 7828 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)
- 8003 and 8009 Mandan Road (between buildings)

Glen Oaks

- 7903 and 7905 Mandan Road (between buildings)
- 7509 and 7511 Mandan Road (between buildings)

Hunting Ridge

- 6936 and 6978 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)

Windsor Green

- Court Entrances - picked up by Windsor Green staff

Greenbrook Village and Estates

- Ora Glen Drive and Matthew Street (southeast corner)
- Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive (southeast corner)
- Mandan Road and Mathew Street (front of barricade)

Greenwood Village

- Across from 8175 Mandan Terrace
- Across from 7646 Mandan Road
- Across from 7648 Mandan Road

Greenspring and Greenspring II

- Megan Lane and Craddock Road (southwest corner)
- 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive (park area)
- Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way (corner)
- 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive (open area)

Belle Point

- Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way (corner)
- 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive (open area)
- 7962 Vanity Fair Drive (open area)

Greenbelt Village

- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
- Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
- Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals
Variance Application 07-002-V

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 8, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Suite 200), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Mr. Rudy Balfour for consideration of a request for a 13 foot variance from the 20 foot rear yard setback requirement for the purpose of constructing a deck to the rear of the home located at 6816 Green Crescent Court. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

COMMUNITY VISIONING FOR GREENBELT

Join the Mayor and City Council in visioning the future for the City of Greenbelt.

Express your views on how to make Greenbelt the best community it can be.

Attend one or more of the Community Visioning Sessions:

- **Saturday, January 12, 2008**
Springhill Lake Elementary School,
6060 Springhill Drive, Multi-Purpose Room
- **Saturday, January 26, 2008**
Greenbelt Municipal Building,
25 Crescent Road, Council Room
- **Saturday, February 2, 2008**
Location to be determined in Greenbelt East

For more information, contact the City at 301-474-8000 or info@greenbeltnmd.gov.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

SWIM MEET CLOSINGS

Please note – the indoor pool is closing at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19 and on Saturday, January 26 for high school swim meets.

For more information call 301-397-2204

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER GED 10-WEEK COURSE TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Beginning promptly at 10:30am!!!

Classes begin on Thursday, January 17.

GED I: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30am-12:30pm

GED II: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm

No one will be accepted into the class after this date.

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25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770

Info: Judy Hering, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or email jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY (i.e. driver's license, current lease, phone or electric bill)

Visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov

for city information and events

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been added in 2000. Lives of another 275 families were disrupted when electricity to their units was cut off as a preventive measure. Residents were offered use of temporary shelters at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Ritchie Coliseum. AIMCO, owners of the complex, offered hotel rooms to residents from fire-damaged units or to others with medical or other serious needs for electricity.

For several months after these fires, occasional smaller fires, considered suspicious in nature, occurred at the complex. In October resident Jeremiah Christopher Jones was taken into custody on federal arson charges. Then just before Christmas another two buildings were gutted by a big fire as 60 residents lost all their belongings.

Royal Couple Visits NASA

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip visited the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center on Tuesday, May 8 as part of their American tour commemorating the 400th anniversary of the English settlement of Jamestown in Virginia. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis received one of the rare invitations to attend the welcoming ceremony.

Greener Greenbelt Initiative

In May Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) and its Green Ribbon Task Force surveyed members on community concerns and in June the GHI board met with the Greenbelt City Council to report survey results and apprise council of plans for a charrette to envision how a Greener Greenbelt might be

accomplished. Members of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA-PVC) would participate.

The three-day charrette took place September 28 to 30 with sub-task groups focusing on GHI dwellings, Roosevelt Center, Old Greenbelt and greater Greenbelt. Nearly 400 residents, officials, planners and architects participated, proposing and discussing ideas. The AIA-PVC will create a final presentation to serve as a working document for the city and GHI in strategic planning for Greenbelt's future.

"Green" Buildings

Not only green belts, but now "green" buildings epitomize local efforts to preserve the environment. The Friends Community School, located on a tract adjacent to Greenbelt Park, used straw bale construction in the walls, a vegetated ("green") roof and solar heat and lighting for an environmentally-friendly building.

In July the Goddard Space Flight Center broke ground for a new Exploration and Sciences Building, a so-called LEED building (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a high-performance green building with low-flow water fixtures and utilization of recycled materials.

In the city, rain barrels under the eaves at the Youth Center and rain gardens were put in place to provide water for irrigation and filter runoff from the new skate park and nearby parking lot. In October a contract was approved for a new, energy-efficient building for the Public Works Depart-

ment. By using recycled asphalt on the surface of the rear yard, a modified vehicle-wash system and thermal heating, the design introduced new "green" elements.

Greenbelters' commitment to the environment was also signaled in the annual Green Man Festival in May, including a fundraiser to heal the Chesapeake Bay watershed, a film festival and exhibit on eco-friendly gardening techniques and products.

Forest Preserve

In 2003 Greenbelt created a Forest Preserve designating certain city-owned parcels of land as natural areas to be preserved for future generations. In 2007 the Greenbelt City Council adopted the Maintenance and Management Guidelines created by the Forest Preserve Task Force. It also passed an ordinance to establish the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and update the original article that created the preserve.

Council also voted to add four additional parcels to the preserve. These include a 10-acre tract at the eastern end of Northway, the Boxwood Preserve (with areas excluded for a basketball court and playground), the Belle Point Preserve and the Sunrise Preserve near the Holiday Inn.

Inter-county Connector

The saga of the Inter-County Connector highway continued to play out during 2007. There was coverage nearly every month in this paper. The main activities involved legal challenges by several public interest and environmental

groups against construction of the 18-mile toll highway between the I-270 corridor in Montgomery County and the I-95 corridor in Prince George's County. Two lawsuits were combined and tried before Federal District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. On November 8, in a 106-page opinion, Judge Williams found in favor of the Federal Highway Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), allowing those agencies to proceed with construction of the long-fought and controversial east-west connector.

The City of Greenbelt continued its opposition to the highway based on the concern that MDOT plans to extend Route 201 (Kenilworth Ave.) from the Beltway interchange to the eastern terminus of the ICC at Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

The Audubon Naturalist Society, Environmental Defense, the Sierra Club and other plaintiffs have until January 8, 2008, to file an appeal of Judge Williams' decision with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va. Meanwhile MDOT continues with its construction schedule in an effort to complete the highway in the 2010-2012 time frame.

Greenbelt Middle School

Discussions continued about both the present and the future of Greenbelt Middle School during 2007. For a number of years it has been considered for renovation or replacement. This action has been complicated by proposed new housing developments in Greenbelt West, especially redevelopment of Springhill Lake. Early in the year the Springhill Lake

owners had proposed moving the elementary school to the same site as the middle school. By year's end that seemed less likely.

Along with plans for a new middle school were the reported run-down conditions in the current building. In May Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner visited the school and reported "deplorable, almost third-world conditions." She described problems with student restrooms, drinking fountains, structural problems and other issues at the 70-year-old school. By the time school began in the fall, it was reported that 95 percent of the identified problems had been repaired.

In August, during the first week of classes, Schools Superintendent John Deasy visited the school. Students were in uniforms for the first time. Deasy announced that construction of a new school is to begin in April 2008, with students to move into the new building in 2009. The old school, except the historic section, will then be demolished. The historic section will be retrofitted, although specific plans remain vague.

In mid-September, representatives of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park met with board of education members to seek more information. In late October the Greenbelt City Council sent a letter to the Chief Operations Officer of Prince George's Public Schools seeking additional information and expressing concern over a number of unresolved issues – the lack of a public forum to discuss plans, safe pedestrian access, renovation and use of the historic building and student capacity.

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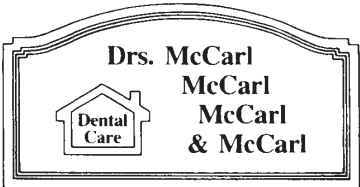


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Police Blotter

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Assault Arrests

December 22, 12:47 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, two counts of theft, two counts of possession of paraphernalia and multiple traffic offenses. A resident woman was arrested and charged with two counts of theft. Police responded to a report of shoplifters at Old Navy who had left the store and were attempting to leave in a vehicle. The vehicle was located at the exit of the shopping center; police initiated a traffic stop and approached the vehicle on foot. The driver refused to roll down the window, then steered the vehicle toward the officer, almost striking him. Two women in the car then attempted to flee the scene at a high rate of speed, running a stop sign and almost striking another motorist. The vehicle was stopped in the area of Hanover Parkway and Greenway Center Drive. Both women were arrested. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine and suspected stolen merchandise. Both women were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner.

December 23, 8:41 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with first-degree assault and two counts of theft over \$500. Another nonresident woman was arrested and charged with two counts of theft over \$500 and an eight year-old nonresident youth was arrested for theft over \$500. Police responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of the plaza. Investigation revealed that the two women and the youth had been observed shoplifting at KB Toys by security officers. One woman attempted to drive from the scene but was pulled from the vehicle by a security officer. The other woman then got into the vehicle, put it in reverse and rammed a security vehicle, dragging a security guard from the driver's door. The guard was not injured. The suspects were arrested on the scene; the women were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner. The youth was released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrest

December 23, 6:41 p.m., Springhill Terrace and Springhill Drive, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of

marijuana and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A resident youth and a nonresident youth were each arrested for possession of marijuana. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane. Investigation revealed that the driver did not have permission to have the car and a quantity of suspected marijuana was in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle had been involved in an earlier hit-and-run accident in the area of Cipriano and Greenbelt Roads. The driver was released to the Prince George's County Police Department for investigation. The other youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

December 21, 11:12 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) threw rocks through the bedroom window of a residence, shattering the window.

Burglary

December 25, 8:36 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence through the unlocked front door. A television and a laptop computer were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white 1995 Ford Econoline van, Maryland tags 09T978 from the 9100 block Springhill Court; a black 1994 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door taxi cab, D.C. tags H85278 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a green 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, North Carolina tags WRY6479 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; and a green 1995 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags 4DND05 from the 6200 block Springhill Court.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by outside departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the 5 Court Laurel Hill and at Beltway Plaza (three incidents).

Stolen Auto Arrest

December 25, Kenilworth Avenue and Tuckerman Street, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with vehicle theft after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner.

Santa Spotted in City . . . on a Fire Truck?



PHOTO BY JONATHAN COHEN

Santa Claus made his annual visit to Greenbelt on Christmas Eve, leaving his sleigh at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad so he could get a bird's-eye view of the town from his perch on the city's shiny red fire truck.

SHL Fire Victims Relocated in Complex

Most of the December 21 Springhill Lake (SHL) fire victims have been relocated into vacant units within the apartment complex, according to management. Others decided to move out.

When residents of the 21 burned-out apartments returned this week to see what could be salvaged, they found that looters had been there first. Management is investigating.

According to Berwyn Heights Fire Chief Charles Fusco, about \$6,000 in gift cards and toys was collected by the neighboring fire departments that had worked the SHL fire.

The drive to help the SHL fire victims has officially ended but gift cards can still be donated at any time. Brian Rudy, Greenbelt's Fire Chief, told the News Review that the cards will be used for fire victims.

Dance to Benefit SHL Fire Victims

The January People's Dance Party will benefit the Springhill Lake residents displaced by the December 21 fire. The Dance Party will be held on Saturday, January 12 at the Youth Center. Kids and adults are invited to come from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and adults only from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Local Schools Win Contest To Dress Up Snow Plows

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) System Maintenance Department holds an annual snow plow mural painting contest. The winning plow designs are used throughout the county at 207 schools, centers and school system offices.



First place in this year's contest was won by students at John Hanson French Immersion School with the Paris-themed US eagle plow design shown.



Third place, also using an eagle theme, was awarded to John Hanson Montessori. Greenbelt students attend both schools. Awards also went to Largo, Gwynn Park and Frederick Douglass high schools. When designing their concept and applying paint, the students used mathematical equations to determine space and the effects of using paint that adheres to metal rather than canvas.

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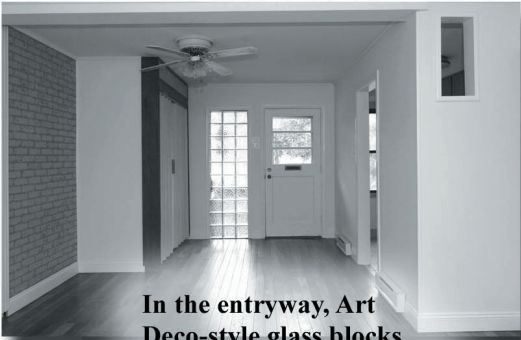
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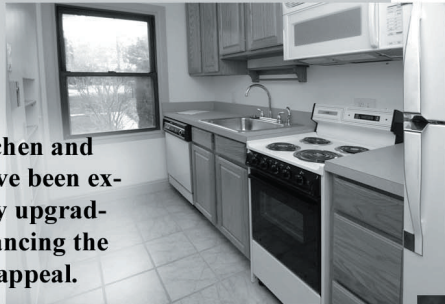
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Hoyer Announces Local Appropriations

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has announced approval by the U.S. House of Representatives on December 17 of an appropriations bill that includes millions in local funding. In the Greenbelt area, the house approved a \$14.5 million appropriation for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, \$100,000 for a Paint Branch watershed storm management plan, \$492,000 for the Anacostia River Comprehensive Plan, \$4 million for the Patuxent Research Refuge and \$146,000 for the College Park Aviation Museum.

Appropriations were also approved for the FDA in White Oak; countywide first responder and law enforcement enhancements and town departments in Bowie, Hyattsville and Laurel; Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness in Clinton; the Chesapeake Bay; Bowie State Principals' Academy; the University of Maryland; the Best Buddies Maryland program; a redevelopment project for College Park; and for the state Housing Partnership Network. Appropriations also will support transportation for Suitland Parkway, Routes 4 and 301 and the South Capitol Street Corridor. There is also a Homeland Security appropriation of more than \$49 million for universities around the country.

In addition the appropriations bill includes language secured by Hoyer to help ensure that the federal government gives full, equal consideration to Prince George's County when choosing leased federal office space in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Volunteers Sought To Raise Puppies

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VISTA Volunteers Give Time to Help Others

A new public service campaign has been launched to enlist Maryland residents to "fight poverty with passion" by joining VISTA, the AmeriCorps program Volunteers in Service to America, that works in the community. Volunteers dedicate a year of their lives to work with programs that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster business and economic development, increase housing opportunities and otherwise help low-income individuals and communities achieve self-sufficiency.

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10:15-11:45 am – Super Gentle Yoga (Debbie)
12:00-1:00 pm – Mixed Level Lunch (Debbie)(b,c)
6:00-7:15 pm – Kripalu Level II (Carol I.) (i)
7:30-8:30 pm – Kripalu Level I (Carol I.) (b,c)

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12:00-1:00 pm – Meditative Lunch (Avalaura) (b,c)
6:15-7:30 pm – Vishwayatan Yoga (Manju)(b,c)

Thursday
10:15-11:45 am – Intermediate Hatha (Adi)(i)
12:00-1:00 pm – Mixed Level Lunchtime (Adi)(b,c)
7:45-9:00 pm – Ashtanga Yoga (Brecken)(i,a)

Friday
10:15-11:45 am – Yoga Basics Series (Melissa)(b)
12:00-1:00 pm – Mixed Level Lunch (Melissa)(b,c)
6:15-7:30 pm – Kripalu Level I (Joel/Carla) (b,c) (sign interpreted class)
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Saturday
9:00-10:00 am – Pilates Level I (Emily) (b,c)
10:15-11:30 am – Integral Hatha Level I (Karl)(b,c)
11:45-1:00 pm – Mixed Level Kripalu (Laura)(b,c)
1:15-2:30 pm – Capoeira (Joel) (i,a)
3:45-5:00 pm – Prenatal Yoga (Carrie)

Sunday
10:15-11:30 – T'ai Chi Level I (Penny)(b,c)
11:45-12:30 pm – Hatha Level I (Carol M.)(b,c)
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The SoMD District is composed of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s and St. Mary’s Counties. The District Chair for 2007-2009, Denise Riley of Hyattsville, is a member of Greenbelt’s Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and serves as political director of the MD-DC AFL/CIO. Other officers will be elected and sworn in at this event.

Prince George’s County women are the hostesses for this annual winter meeting. A buffet luncheon with choice of entree, salad, beverage and dessert will be served at noon.

The guest speaker will be Delegate Tawanna Gaines, LD-22, a member of the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee. She will review the recent special session and preview the General Assembly regular session which begins on Wednesday, January 9 and ends in April.

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